

DES MOINES POLICE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

OFFICER: R ERVIN #423

CASE 96 14885

OFFENSE: POINTING A GUN AT ANOTHER

DT/TM THIS RPT: 12 APR 96 1240

DT/TM OCCUR: 8 APR 96 1430

STATUS SUSPENDED

1. VICTIM INFORMATION:

A Beverly Marie Townsell, lives at 660-14th Place, Apt. 4, BFJ, 16, DOB 10/21/79, home phone 244-4038, a student at North Alternative

2. NARRATIVE:

- A While I was work on 9 APR 96, at approx 0945 hrs. the victim, Beverly Townsell came to the police station with her father, wanting to talk about a person who had pointed a gun at her on 8 APR 96.
- B I did look into the CAD system and it showed that a trip had been made to 1801-16th St., this is Cassidy Alternative School, talking about the principal stating that some person had been up there by the name of Raphael who had pointed a weapon at someone at the school
- C Beverly Townsell basically told me this story, that as she was leaving school on 8 APR at 1430 hrs., she was walking to a car that is owned by a person she knows as Johnny Boy. When she got close to this car, a subject she knows by the name of Raphael, BM, 26-27, approached her and asked her, where is John John, believe that to be John Boy. He also asked, is that is car, and she stated no, because she thought there might some trouble. He kept asking her about the car and he got closer to her. At that time she stated, I advise you to leave, also when he was at the school and he was asking about John John, he also made the comment, where is Fatty Man, and this is a street name for Cortex Brown. At this time she stated she was very scared and she wanted to leave and go back into the school, and at this time she stated that wrapped up in the front of his sweater on the front side of his body, he pulled out a gun and pointed it sideways at her, into her stomach. She described this weapon as a small black gun with a silver piece on top of it. She stated she was drawing a picture of it to some of her friends, and they thought it was a 9mm
- D At this time she was very frightened that he had been asking for Johnny Boy, also Cortex Brown, and at this time she wanted to get away. He kept approaching her and eventually she got back into the school where she told Rev. Reasby she was working at the school and at this time, while she was in the school, she called back to her home and told her roommate to shut the curtains, also get on the floor because she felt that someone was going to come by and shoot at the house. At this time Rev. Reasby took her in the van and she indicated she laid in the front seat and he took her home.
- E I did get more background on this person named Raphael. I did

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contact Kitty Knauer, principal at North Alternative. After talking to her, she gave me the following information, that Johnny Boy, who Beverly was going to get into his car, as he was going to take her somewhere, is the person apparently Raphael was asking for. He asked for John John, but it is actually Johnny Boy. This person is now identified as John T. Smith from St. Louis, he just came here in February 25th of last year, apparently, and has been going to North Alternative. His DOB is 4-7-78. The connection on this is that John T. Smith is Antonio Speed's cousin and he does live with Antonio Speed and his father, William Speed Sr. They live together. There is a possibility we had a previous case that Cortez Brown was involved in assaulting a subject by the name of Tim McCoy at Woodland Wilkie House, breaking his jaw, approx 3-4 days prior to this incident and it is believed that maybe Raphael is some way related to Tim McCoy, the victim of the assault. Since Cortez Brown, Antonio Speed and John T. Smith run together, it is believed that this is who Raphael was after for revenge on the broken jaw.

- F In talking to the principal, she also stated that she heard rumors in the school that John Smith stated he had been involved in taking a gun to school, or having a gun over the weekend, possibly even a .308 caliber weapon, unknown type. There were rumors that he had one over the weekend.

A. The principal advised me that at approx 2:45 p.m., 8 Apr 96, a woman had called the school and apparently she called, not identifying herself, and she stated that her child had been playing at the school parking lot area when the child heard someone yelling and apparently he did see someone point a gun at some person. This apparently was Beverly Townsell. Beverly did advise that she saw there was a young boy in the area that took off running, however, she did not know who he was, and at this time we still don't know who this person is who was a witness to this pointing a gun.

- H After talking with everyone at this time and recontacting Beverly Townsell, she stated she still does not know who Raphael is. She still thinks that Tim McCoy may be behind it, or that is his brother and she stated she does not know of any car that Raphael drove. She stated that he may have just gotten out of prison, however, it may have been last October.

- I Also I asked her about a letter that was found in one of the homicide vehicles reference the Davis homicide. It was addressed to Beverly Townsell from a person who is in prison. I asked her about this letter. She knew about it. She stated she knows

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Cortez Brown and has been in his vehicle. This was one of the vehicles that was impounded after the shooting incident at 9th and University. I asked her how that letter might have gotten in there, and she states that she had told Cortez Brown about it and he had taken it from her home and had it in the car and had been reading it, therefore, this is how it got there

- 1 At this time I don't have anywhere else to look for this unknown Raphael. I have told her to call me with any information she may have, then I can pursue this case further.

3 WITNESS TESTIMONY:

A Beverly Townsell will testify to having a gun pointed at her by a subject named Raphael.

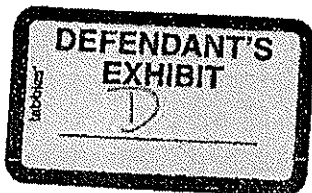
B. Sgt. Ervin to the CIR and followup.

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